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SUBJ: TRIPARTITE TALKS BEGIN

REF: A) NEW DELHI 4347, B) ISLAMABAD 3300

1. TRIPARTITE TALKS AMONG FOREIGN MINISTERS OF INDIA, PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH OPENED WITH TWO SESSIONS APRIL 5, BOTH OF WHICH CONCENTRATED ON PROGRESS IN THE THREE-WAY REPATRIATION ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. SWARAN SINGH TOLD NEWSMEN ON EMERGING FROM THE FIRST SESSION THAT THE TALKS HAD STARTED ON A "HOPEFUL NOTE". BILATERAL MEETINGS WERE HELD BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND INDIA AND PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH AS WELL AS BETWEEN CDIA AND BANGLADESH BEFORE THE TRIPARTITE TALKS THEMSELVES BEGAN.

2. DELHI PRESS IS READING A GREAT DEAL INTO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FACT THAT WHILE AZIZ AHMED EMPHASIZED THE 195 POWS

IN HIS ARRIL STATEMENT, BANGLADESH WANTED TO DISCUSF ALSO THE REPATRIATION OF ADDITIONAL BIHARIS. (THE DELHI AGREEMENT SPECIFIED TRILATERAL DISCUSSION OF THE 195 AND BILATERAL BANGLADESH-PAKISTAN DISCUSSION OF REPATRIATION OF ADDITIONAL BIHARIS). BY STARTING OFF WITH A REVIEW OF THE EXISTING REPATRIATION PROCESS, THE PARTIES SEEM TO HAVE FOUND A CONVENIENT MIDDLE GROUND. SCHNEIDER

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